

CBHE

College presidents await fate of budgets

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It will be around Christmas time when Gov. Mel Carnahan makes his final decision on budget items, and there will be one present missing from underneath Missouri Southern's tree.

"We are hopeful for the funding to replace the Barn Theatre," said College President Julio Leon, "as well as improvement funding for Ummel Tech."

However, according to Paul Wagner, a research associate at the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the Barn Theatre funding will not be included in the CBHE's list of capital improvement recommendations that will be presented at the CBHE's meeting in Warrensburg Thursday. The College was seeking

\$170,000 to build a new Barn Theatre.

Wagner said a preliminary draft of the CBHE's capital improvement recommendations won't be finalized until the Thursday meeting. Leon plans to drive up Thursday morning to attend.

Of all the four-year colleges and universities, 66 items were requested to be funded through capital improvements. Southern requested 11 items with a price tag of \$8,399,906. The CBHE has recommended the Spiva Library and Ummel Tech projects, the two with the most cost, receive funding at a total of \$6,962,440.

The Library would undergo renovation as well as adding 40,000 square feet. Ummel Technology would undergo renovation as well as accommodate growth in the dental hygiene and computer inte-

grated manufacturing programs.

Leon said colleges and universities normally request capital improvement funding for many items so it can be prioritized at a later date.

"The CBHE will not recommend funding for athletic facilities, dormitories, or parking lots," he said. "They prefer renovation and expansion rather than new space."

Wagner said the CBHE finance staff follows guidelines that describe what capital improvement needs should be prioritized.

"One of the main staples of the guidelines is to renovate existing structures with academic purposes," Wagner said.

In all, the CBHE's capital improvement recommendations total \$114,818,911. After the CBHE approves the recom-

mendations, they go on to Carnahan.

"The governor has got a good chunk of money for fiscal year 1999 that he held from last year," Wagner said.

When the budget figures were released last year, Carnahan had appropriated very little toward higher education capital improvement.

"Last year was not as good a year as past years have been," said Brad Ketcher, the governor's chief of staff. "But that shouldn't take away from the historical commitment of the governor."

Ketcher said it was too early to tell what kind of year it would be for the capital improvement funding, but did say the food tax reduction would not jeopardize any funding.

"Clearly, projects that were started need to be finished," Ketcher said. □

PRIORITIZED IMPROVEMENTS

INSTITUTION	PROJECT	REQUEST	CBHE
1. UMKC	Townsend Hall	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
2. Lincoln	Old Library Building	\$2,364,375	\$2,364,375
3. Northwest	Garnett Strong	\$12,480,135	\$12,480,135
4. Southwest	Mayer Library	\$28,808,247	\$28,808,247
5. Western	Eder Building	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000
6. UMKC-Kansas City	Dental School	\$13,100,000	\$13,100,000
7. UMKC-St. Louis	Benton-Stodler Halls	\$4,879,000	\$4,879,000
8. Central	Wood Edwards Building	\$8,180,470	\$8,180,470
9. Southern	Spiva Library	\$6,962,440	\$6,962,440
10. Harris-Stowe	Phys. Ed. Performing Arts	\$4,919,595	\$4,919,595
11. Univ. State	Information Tech. Center	\$6,668,925	\$6,668,925
12. UMKC-Columbia	Business & Public Admin.	\$17,127,000	\$17,127,000
13. Southeast	Technical Ed. Indus. Tech.	\$6,974,722	\$6,974,722
14. Truman	Science Hall	\$24,448,725	\$24,448,725
15. UMKC-Rolla	Butler-Carlton	\$17,752,000	\$17,752,000
16. Southern	Ummel Tech.	\$455,000	\$455,000
17. UMKC-St. Louis	Communication Arts	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000

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TERESA BLAND/The Chart

After getting her face painted before Saturday's football game against Pittsburg State University, Courtney Quinn cuddles in the tallgate zone with Missouri Southern's lion mascot.

MILITARY SCIENCE

ROTC might be marching back

PSU offers to provide instructors to College

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A 20-year-old tradition was brought to an abrupt halt in 1994. The tradition may be marching its way back onto the Missouri Southern campus. The first Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) began at Southern in 1975 and provided the military with more than 120 commissioned officers before it was closed down due to declining enrollment three years ago.

The most visible reminder of the program on campus is the rapping tower behind the Anderson Justice Center, said Guy Thomas, program manager for the institute of procurement assistance at Southern. He was also the commander of the College ROTC program from 1976-79.

"We were disappointed to see it end," said Erv Langan, Southwest Missouri State University outreach coordinator at Southern. "We were very proud of our program."

Langan has close ties with the Southern ROTC program. He was the first officer commissioned by the program and the commander of the unit when it was disbanded.

"Even though I have no official tie to Southern's academics at the moment," Langan said, "I have a personal commitment to do everything in my power to bring the program back."

He has been working with Lt. Col. Ron Stelmasczyk, commander of the ROTC unit at Pittsburg State University, and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president at Southern, trying to arrange a cross-enrollment agreement with PSU to establish a unit at Southern.

Such a cross enrollment agreement was originally suggested when the unit was being closed by the cadet command,

said Paul Kotakis, cadet command spokesperson.

"At that time, Southern did not elect to pursue that opportunity," Kotakis said.

Southern was only one of many colleges that lost their ROTC programs due to overall military downsizing. In the early 1990s there were more than 450 ROTC units across the nation. Today there are more than 270 units, according to Kotakis.

"The military wants quality over quantity," Stelmasczyk said. "The military will only accept the best officer candidates."

Stelmasczyk has agreed to provide instruction on Southern's campus for the first two years of a cadet's ROTC regimen. The freshman and sophomore years in the program do not require a commitment to the military. They are used primarily to familiarize students with the military lifestyle.

When students enroll in the upper-

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STUDENT SENATE

Silence is golden during meeting

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In a performance sure to make Charlie Chaplin proud, the Missouri Southern Student Senate allocated funds to three student organizations without making a sound.

Kappa Delta Pi, the International Club, and Alpha Psi Omega/Backstage presented requests for funding at the Senate meeting on Wednesday, expecting to endure the usual debate among senators that has become a prerequisite for allocation. Instead, they faced deafening silence as the new student senators decided to play the quiet game — and then the clubs got their money.

Student Senate President Eden Aber says that while some hesitation in debating was expected from the newer senators, Wednesday's display caught everyone by surprise.

She attributes the lack of communication to inexperience and a lower number of returning senators.

"We usually go by experience, but this year most of the senators are new," Aber said. "[In the past] the older senators have usually spoken up. Since nobody said anything, the new senators just went by what the treasurer said. They just went ahead and voted on it, not knowing they could debate it."

Each student organization was allo-

cated \$1,000, leaving the Senate treasury with \$9,240 to allocate for the remainder of the semester. Aber says debate among senators will be essential for the rest of the semester in order to weed out the less desirable requests.

"If we don't debate, we're going to end up giving \$1,000 to every group that comes to us," she said. "We talked about that afterwards."

Aber says Senate officers have determined a course of action which "should help out."

"Next Wednesday, we're going to have a five-minute orientation meeting where we'll tell [the new senators] to raise their hands if they want to debate something," she said. □

GRADUATE STUDIES

CMSU begins master's degree program for criminal justice students

By J.L. GRIFFIN
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Another graduate program has sprung up at Missouri Southern, this time at the Anderson Justice Center.

Central Missouri State University has begun offering courses toward a master's degree in criminal justice administration at the College using on-campus teaching as well as interactive televised courses.

"They've been bringing a couple of classes down here and they're getting serious

about it now," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology.

This isn't the first time CMSU has offered graduate courses at Southern. Similar courses were offered in the 1980s, but the program died due to lack of interest. Spurlin said it wasn't lack of interest that killed the program, but lack of advertising done by CMSU.

"We think there's a lot of interest if they play the market right," he said.

The cost factor was also a reason the program died before.

"It has to be self-sustaining, and the cost was great to the students," said Dr. Rick

Holden, CMSU's criminal justice department chairman. "Telecommunications makes it more cost effective."

Of the courses being offered, only about a third will be televised. Most will be taught by instructors from CMSU who drive down for the weekend.

The criminal justice master's degree program requires 36 credit hours to graduate, Holden said.

"It could take two or two and a half years to complete if they stayed with it," Holden said. "Most of the students in these classes are working already."

Richard Spencer, a criminal justice instructor at Southern, continues his master's studies through CMSU and is glad to have the program at the College.

"I spent a long time driving between here and Warrensburg," he said. "It's not a fun drive. It's about a three-hour drive, and there's no good way to get there."

Spurlin said Spencer was instrumental in reviving the graduate program.

"It's something that's a really good opportunity for our students and the people of this area," Spencer said.

Although the program is offered at

Southern, it has the CMSU price tag. Spencer said the cost varied from course to course, but averaged about \$126 per credit hour.

"But they don't charge out-of-state tuition for off-campus classes," Spencer said.

Another perk of the program is Southern's criminal justice students can take graduate courses during the semester they graduate and roll those over to when they enroll in the graduate program.

Spurlin said the need for these programs is not just in southwest Missouri.

"Criminal justice programs are experiencing growth all across the country," he said. □

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- 1 09/25/97 Lot #34 10:55 a.m. Hunter Toombs, junior biology major, reported that someone painted words in fingernail polish on the front hood and rear of his 1987 Nissan Pathfinder.
- 2 09/27/97 Lot #10 9:30 p.m. Jeff Droz, junior criminal justice administration major, reported a radio stolen from his 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass on Lot #10. The car radio was described as a Alpine AM/FM radio with a CD player valued at \$400.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Features update range

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

With guns blazing, the Missouri Southern criminal justice department has found a way to keep up with modern technology. As a part of the renovation process going on at the Anderson Justice Center, the firing range has had new features added.

"When we put in the proposal to add the addition, we also wanted to modernize the range," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology. "The range had been built 20 years ago. It was outdated and not very safe. Most of these changes are not cosmetic; they are really for student safety."

The range now features movable targets and protective partitions between each shooter.

"Instead of having the shooters move down range, the targets will move up range," Spurlin said. The second thing is the ventilation system. The old system was designed to work from one major firing line. Before, the students were moving down range to different firing lines. It never worked as effectively as it could have."

Spurlin said the protective barriers between the firing lines are to protect the shooters from cartridges and lead shavings that are ejected from semi-automatics and revolvers.

He also said although it has never happened at Southern, the shields

protect from possible explosions.

Robert Terry, head of the criminal justice department, said staying current is an on-going priority in the training of law enforcement officers.

"The procedure started with the addition to the building," he said. "They went into the operation of tearing out the old range at the end of July. It's taken approximately two months to upgrade the facility."

"We're trying to stay current with today's technology. We're trying to improve the training of law enforcement officers and for the students."

Terry said the upgraded range will soon be in active use. He said the police academy is slated to begin using the range Saturday, and general students will begin Wednesday. □

ROTC: PSU's program may receive new marching orders

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division ROTC classes, there is a commitment to the military and they begin to form strong working groups.

"For the third and fourth years,

cadets would attend their ROTC classes at PSU," Stelmasczyk said. "We have them scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 1 p.m. The cadets would still be Southern students; they would not be required to transfer schools."

There are at least five students who have chosen to attend PSU over Southern because of the ROTC program, Stelmasczyk said.

Thomas said diversity was one of the greatest benefits college and university programs can offer. □

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SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Program reaches 100 percent licensing

Nursing careers hinge on single test performance

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

While all college students have to deal with a barrage of tests during their education process, rarely does their entire professional career ride on the results of a single test. That is exactly what graduating

nursing students face when they apply to take the licensing exam required for all practicing nurses.

But it does not seem to pose much of a problem for Missouri Southern students. The 17 May nursing graduates have received a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), a feat not achieved by many nursing programs in Missouri.

"We are really pleased about this," said Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing. "There is always a

concern about how the graduates will fare on the test. We are just so proud, not only of the students, but the whole department."

One of the greatest benefits of having a perfect licensing number is that nursing programs in the state are reviewed by a state board of nursing. A program must receive a certain licensing percentage, or the state board steps in and examines the program.

"I am not that surprised at our great results," said Alicia Sloan, a May graduate who works in labor and delivery at St. John's Regional

Medical Center. "I didn't have doubts about any of my classmates, except for myself."

After completing an authorized nursing program, graduates must apply to take the licensing exam. Applicants are screened to be sure they have met degree requirements, Box explained.

"It was the most mentally exhausting thing I have ever done in my whole life," Sloan said.

The test is computerized and takes about two hours to complete. It is taken at regional exam sites; most Southern grads take the test

in Springfield, according to Box. Most test takers also enroll in a review course before taking the test.

"I didn't do a review course because of conflicts," Sloan said. "But I did do a lot of review questions. I have always heard that to do well on the test you have to go through about 3,000 questions."

"It is just weird that it doesn't matter how well you have done your whole time in school," Sloan said. "It all comes down to one test. Nothing is guaranteed; it is just you against the computer." □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

High-tech solutions focus of Quality Forum

High-tech solutions that have taken companies to the top is the focus of the American Society for Quality Forum '97, a satellite down-link program from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday at Missouri Southern. ASQ's Forum '97 titled "Competing in the Age of Networked Society" is offered through the Management Development Institute at Southern. Cost of the program is \$25, which includes a networking breakfast at 8 a.m. in Billingsly Student Center and the Forum '97 down link at 10 a.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium.

The program, sponsored by AT&T, Texas Instruments, and Eastman Kodak Company, will explore how technology is moving organizations from an industrial society to a knowledge society.

ASQ's Forum '97 is one of several programs sponsored by the Management Development Institute in October.

Increasing sales through government contracts is the focus of a workshop offered from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 in Matthews Hall Room 204. Cost of the workshop is \$25.

During the workshop, potential suppliers will learn about local, state, and federal government contracting opportunities and how to make government agencies aware of products or services.

Two free finance seminars offered include "Tax Strategies for Small Businesses," from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday; and "How to Analyze Financial Statements," from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14. Both finance workshops will be held in Matthews Hall Room 204.

Computer workshops this month include "Introduction to Microsoft Publisher," Saturday; "Introduction to Microsoft Excel for Windows," Saturday, Oct. 11; and "Introduction to Multimedia: Using Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows," Sunday, Oct. 25. Each of the computer workshops takes place from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Matthews Hall Room 303. Cost for each workshop is \$75 for advanced registration or \$85 at the door if space is available.

For additional information or to register persons may contact 417-625-3128. Class sizes are limited and early registrations are recommended. □

Campus center named 'Premier Training Site'

The Missouri Southern Autodesk Authorized Training Center has been named a "Premier Training Site" for the second straight year.

The Southern Autodesk Training Center specializes in architecture and mechanical design software training, according to Fran Bartholet, training center manager and school of technology faculty member.

There are currently only 100 Premier Training sites across the nation.

The training center has been authorized by Auto desk since 1987 and services the four-state region in Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) software training. □

Alpha Epsilon Rho elects 1997-98 officers

Missouri Southern's chapter of the National Broadcasting Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho (NBS/AERho) recently elected officers for the 1997-98 academic year.

The following students were elected to serve as officers: Steve Gurley, president; Krista Lowery, vice president; Joetta Wigger, treasurer; Jill Corbello, secretary; Andy Swift and Dusty Black, public information coordinators; and Jennafer Stokes, alumni and professional coordinator. □

STUDENT LIFE BEAT

Tailgaters cook up food, fun, festivities

Alumni Association sponsors new campus activity

By MARILYN TAFT
STAFF WRITER

As the wind blew through the uprights and tailgates dropped, the aroma of barbecue chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs was intoxicating.

"We are the original Lot 1 tailgaters," said Lora Tucker, a member of the Missouri Southern Lionbackers steering committee.

"We started back when nobody else was doing it. I think it's absolutely fantastic; this is what it's all about."

The newly designated Tailgate Zone was booming before Saturday's home game between Pittsburg State University and the Lions. The Tailgate Zone is an area north of the Fred Hughes Stadium set aside for tailgating.

"It was Lee Pound who came up with the idea," said Jim Frazier, director of men's athletics.

"Many of the Lionbackers, in the past, have done their own unofficial tailgating," said Pound, director of alumni affairs.

The tailgaters came in groups of all sizes for Saturday's game. Kevin Lampe, director sports medicine at Freeman Hospitals and Health System, said he had



Brandt Hill, sophomore music education major, received an honorable mention award for her decked out Mustang. First place was given to G.L. and Lora Tucker, they received \$100 from Smitty's for their efforts.

about 80 people in his group. Most of them were members of the Lionbackers.

"This is our first time in the Tailgate Zone," said Kenny Dean, junior criminal justice major and president of the Criminal Justice Student Association. "The Tailgate Zone is all right. It's a nice new thing for our campus."

"Tailgating is an ongoing thing for us (Sigma Phi)," said Doug Morrison, junior psychology major. "We've been tailgating since Aristotle's time."

Decorations galore cluttered the Tailgate Zone — stuffed gorilla heads, green and gold ribbons, paint, and plastic animals decorated the entries in the first annual Missouri Southern Tailgate Decorating Contest.

The contest was sponsored by

Smitty's, KSNF-TV, and the Missouri Southern Alumni Association. Six judges — three from the Alumni Association board and three from the Student Alumni Ambassadors — chose the winners on such ideas as creative design, use of school colors, eye-catching ability, and incorporation of the Lion.

"Surprise effect would define this year's winner," said Rachel Deyo, tailgate contest judge and junior communications major.

Awarded best design and a gift certificate of \$100 from Smitty's was a gorilla head on a plate with cherry tomatoes for its eyes, presented by G.L. and Lora Tucker.

A large stuffed lion sat with the plattered gorilla head between its front paws. Behind the gorilla was a menu board that read:

"Appetizer, chilled monkey brains; 'Broiled' chuck with a side of southern fried gorilla fingers; Pound-em cake for dessert."

"My daughters and I just went through cookbooks until we came up with something," Lora Tucker said.

The Tuckers are planning to use the gift certificate to get food for the next tailgate party.

Lampe won the Lion Pride award and a \$75 Smitty's gift certificate for the decoration on a Ford truck that belonged to Darius Adams.

The Criminal Justice Student Association won the True Football Fan award and a \$50 gift certificate.

Honorable mention and a stuffed lion went to Brandt Hill, sophomore music education major.

"It was a last-minute decision to decorate my car," Hill said. □

SOUTHERN TELEVISION

KGCS-LP to air Lion road games

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Thanks to an agreement with the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and MetroSports, Missouri Southern fans will be able to see some live coverage of NCAA Division II football.

MetroSports, a Kansas City-based sports channel, will produce and televise four conference football games live on Thursday nights for the 1997 season.

The coverage will be shown on Cablevision in Kansas City; TCI, from Overland Park, Kan.; and around the league through agreements with various local television stations and cable systems.

"This is very exciting for us at MSTV," said Judy Stiles, general manager of Southern's TV station. "This is an opportunity for MSTV to do live football and give our viewing audience something they want."

MetroSports approached the MIAA about putting together a college football sports package.

"We've been searching for an outlet for getting our games available in the Kansas City area, and were very pleased with the proposal presented to us by MetroSports," said Ralph McFillen, MIAA commissioner.

The broadcasts begin Oct. 9, when Southern meets Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. On Oct. 23, Southern travels to Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. Washburn plays at Emporia State University on Oct. 30, and the MIAA concludes its broadcasts on Nov. 6 with Missouri Western at Pittsburg State University. □

CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

Live Poets' Society helps writers publish

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Providing a place to collaborate writing experiences and ideas, Missouri Southern's Live Poets' Society also explores how to publish a writer's talents.

"I've been in poetry since I was in junior high, but didn't start actively writing and trying to get published until about seven years ago," said Dr. Bill Kumbier, associate professor of English. The writer's hard work precedes publication, he said.

"First, write for a long time," Kumbier said. "You need to get used to poetry you like to be involved in."

He instructs Southern students how to write in world literature, freshman-level composition, several upper-division English classes, and a film criticism class.

Kumbier's love for writing guides his advice to students: "You've got to practice writing every day."

He said students should send works tailor-made to publishers who like their style of writing. However, the rejection-letter litany is common. "Don't get discouraged; keep

sending things out," Kumbier said. Some of his published works include "Three Nocturnes," "Portrait," "Vacances," and "Hammock."

"I guess I have been interested in writing since I was about 12 years old," said Dr. Arthur Saltzman, professor of English and another published author. "I basically like to create things. Writing is not a relaxing pleasure, it's an excruciating pleasure."

He emphasizes frequent reading as well as getting involved in the Live Poets' Society.

"For over a year we have met informally in talk about live poets' works," Saltzman said. "We are looking for students interested in club participation, not therapy."

He said budding writers often get so involved publishing works they skip honing their craft. He advises writers to read contemporary poetry, keep up with literary journals, and enjoy a wide range of topics.

"Read the places where you want to get published," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English. "Know your audience." □

MAKING THE SAVE



Eden Dowler (left), senior health promotion and wellness major, and Tom Hubbard (right), secondary education major, take part in a handball clinic Saturday night at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Women don't want mastery, but respect

I found myself sympathizing with a knight this week. The knight appears in "The Wife of Bath's Tale" from *The Canterbury Tales*, and he's in a real pickle.

He is facing death for raping a maiden, but the queen takes pity on him and offers him a chance to redeem his life. He has a year to answer one simple question: What one thing do women want? If he comes back with the wrong answer,

he's toast. Surely it would have been more humane to put the poor sucker out of his misery right then and there!

What do women want? The question still hangs in the air today, perhaps on a par with Cain's "Am I my brother's keeper?" and Socrates' "What is truth?"

Now I'm glad my life is not on the line here, but I've struggled with this question long enough to have some ideas.

A few years ago, I think many people would have agreed with the knight's answer: Women want to have mastery over men.

I don't think that ever was the issue, but during the turbulent years of the ERA movement, it certainly seemed that way.

What women really wanted then, as they did in Chaucer's time, was respect.

Not mastery, not to wear the pants, not control, just respect. Aretha Franklin had it right.

When I look at the difference between the opportunities my mother had as a young woman and the opportunities my daughters have, I have to say we've come a long way, baby.

American women get a lot more respect than they ever used to.

Still, the question hangs in the air. If we're getting what we really want, why are we still struggling with contentment?

What do we want now? Has the goal changed? The answer is "yes" and "no." We still want respect, but we don't want to sacrifice an integral part of who we are to achieve it.

We want the same respect at home that we get in the office.

We want the same respect for motherhood as we get for corporate management.

For a long time, women believed they had to choose between having a career and being a mother. Those who thought they could have it all have been strung out, wrung out, and hung out to dry.

Today women are taking off their capes and admitting that their achievements in the business world are costing them too dearly at home. Just ask the president of PepsiCo who recently resigned her position so she could spend more time with her children.

Women are pining for those nurturing activities they tossed out with that degrading title of "homemaker." The pendulum is making its return swing. Just ask Martha Stewart.

My friends and I fantasize about what we really want: a part-time career.

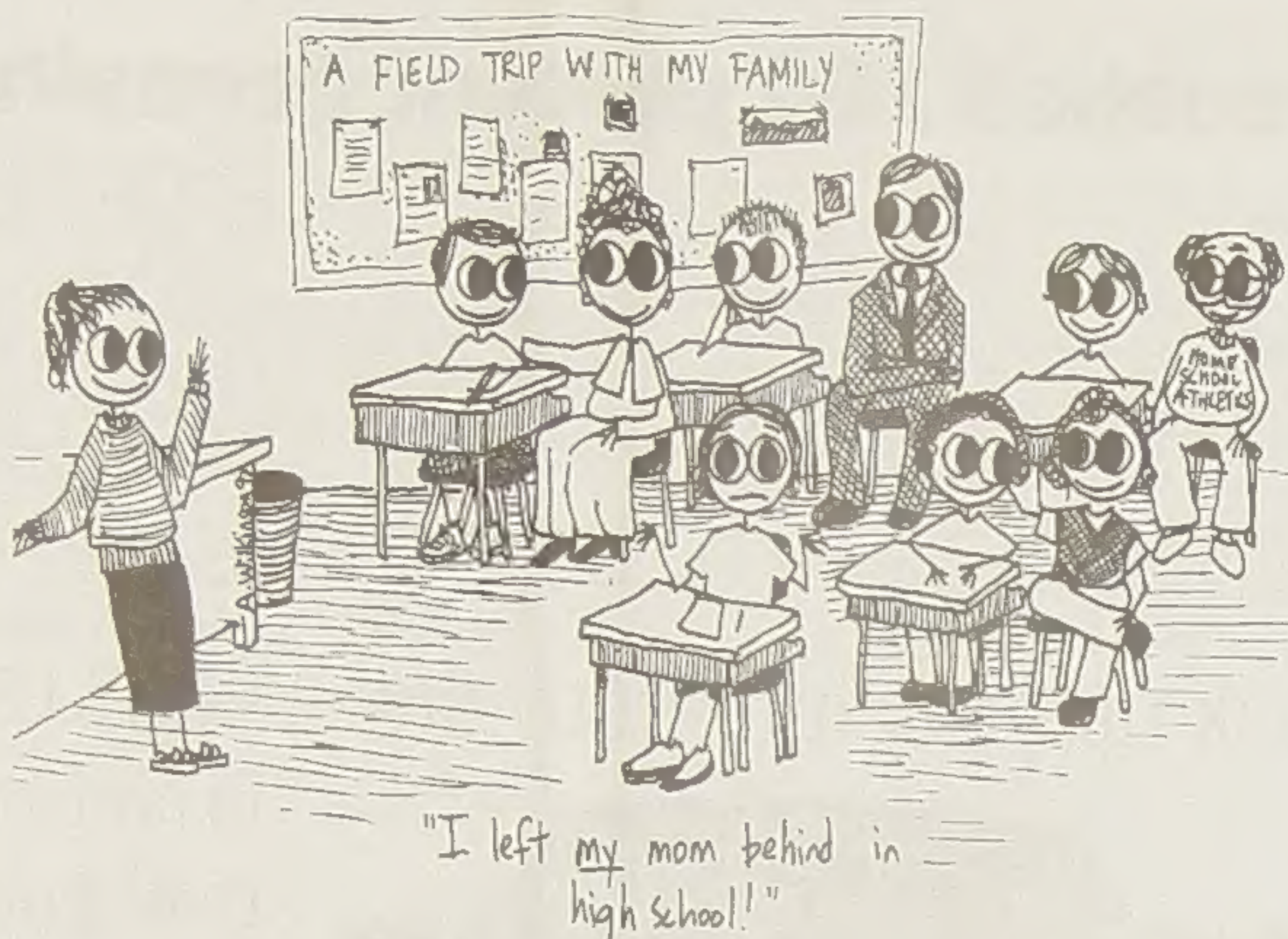
Not a part-time job, because a job is just a means to a paycheck, whereas a career is a means to personal fulfillment with a paycheck thrown in.

We want to be actively involved in our world, but we insist on being actively involved at home, too. That's what we really want.

At least for now. ☐



Aileen Gronewold
Associate Editor



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

New lessons to learn

Somewhere in the United States there is a school about to fall down. Not from old age, but from old ideas.

It is the mindset of today's schools that is dilapidated, not the building.

As America's public school system wallows at the bottom of a giant cesspool which no one of any authority seems to know how to get out of, it seems pretty clear somebody's doing something right in educating today's young people.

It's a few parents. They used to be teased, ridiculed, mocked, and generally ignored for their nonconformist ways of education, but now as their children begin to take on leadership roles in colleges, enroll in honor classes, or become the national spelling bee champion, it appears they are onto something.

Most often, detractors of home schooling say these children are missing out on valuable social lessons. Granted, there are a few home-schooled students who are more like social caterpillars than social butterflies. But it takes a caterpillar to make a butterfly. On the other

hand, however, how many of today's children are learning the best social lessons? Not many.

There are children today who have no respect for their elders; none at all.

At least the home-schooled students are being taught to be mature.

The American school system today teaches children to remain impish and juvenile for as long as they want.

It is time for the public school systems of this country to put down the chalk and take a lesson from home-schooled students and teachers.

Learn what makes them successful in their classroom.

It is obvious, fundamentally speaking, that home-schooled students have the upper hand academically. And possibly, by a slim margin, public schools have a firmer grasp of how to socialize children better. This simply calls for a meeting of the minds.

No one is saying dismantle the schools and send the children back to mom and dad for their education.

But, the public schools need to be renovated with fresh ideas before the whole thing collapses in on itself. ☐

Don't stop at renovation

At the top of Missouri Southern's wish list is appropriations for the renovation and addition to Spiva Library.

That wish will likely become one step closer to being granted Thursday at the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's meeting in Warrensburg. The library project is listed as the No. 9 priority for capital improvement funding by the CBHE.

Starting this project is long overdue. It is high time the state provided the right avenues for students of this College to use what is the most valuable research resource on this campus.

Spiva Library is older than most of the student body, and so are many of the volumes contained within it.

The library has been overlooked for funding for many years.

It is one of very few shortcomings of this College, but it stands out like a wart on the end of a nose.

Merely renovating and adding space will make only a slight improvement to the library. It needs to be hauled up by its boot straps, turned over, and shaken out.

Southern's library is a mausoleum of useless resources.

Long-dead volumes haunt the stacks.

To do this properly, the library needs to be equipped with better everything.

For starters, it should never take 45 minutes to research any topic on the computers.

This isn't time spent trying to find an acceptable article or Web site, this is the time it takes to boot up the system, load the software, and begin a search. This is totally unacceptable.

The power system behind the library's computers has to be the worst in the history of mankind.

That's where to start when the construction and renovation is finished.

Next, try making it a real library. Harlequin romance novels by the truckload do not adequately make a fiction section.

Fiction and other novel material is just as valuable a resource to students as the innumerable amount of antiquated reference books. When no one has checked out a certain book since the Truman era, it's time to toss the book out.

Finally, update the staff. Hire more people to help in the reference section.

There's never enough help down there. And while they are being hired, train them, too.

The condition of the library will soon change once the governor signs on the dotted line, but nothing will change at Spiva Library unless some internal changes are mandated, too. ☐

IN PERSPECTIVE

So you want to start your own business?

Someone once said, "There's no traffic jam on the extra mile." To successfully start and operate a business, you must be willing to go the extra mile. Chances of surviving and prospering are greatly increased if you are willing to work hard and do your homework. Each year the staff at the MSSC Small Business Development Center provides free and confidential educationally based counseling to more than 200 prospective and existing business owners. Through the Management Development Institute, we offer a free pre-business workshop each month that encourages prospective business owners to be realistic.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, only 50 percent of small businesses survive their first year of operation. Reasons for business failure include management incompetence, under-capitalization, poor record keeping and financial controls, non-industry experience, and lack of planning.

Following is a list of suggestions for prospective business owners:

Do a self analysis. Do you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur? Are you prepared to work long hours? Are you creative, self-confident, responsible, self-disciplined, and self-motivated? Do you have management ability? Are you experienced enough in the field or industry you are pursuing (i.e. three to five years of experience)? Have you set goals that are attainable? Are you willing to invest your money in the business? Can you start the business on a part-time basis, and work at your job until the business increases enough to support you?

Gain industry experience. Think about the type of business you could start that would enable you to use your knowledge and skills. If you lack management ability and work experience, then get a part-time job in the field you are interested in, try to get some experience. Before you start your firm, find out if you will enjoy the industry.

Learn business management skills. Take business classes that will help you to learn management skills. The school of business offers 15 one-hour entrepreneurship classes on topics such as business planning, accounting records, and promotion. These classes are practical and designed for prospective and existing business owners.

Evaluate your business idea. Do you have a unique idea or vision for a successful business? Are you the first one to start this type of business in your area? Does the product or service meet a presently unserved need? What is your unique advantage over existing businesses, and can you deliver a higher/better quality service?

Conduct a market analysis and write a business plan. Investigate your industry, your competition, and possible target markets. Contact owners of similar businesses who are indirect competitors and observe their businesses. Learn from their mistakes and their successes. Research demographic information, traffic counts, industry statistics and trends in the library. Examine consumer lifestyles and trends in customers' purchasing patterns. Use the information you have collected.

You may have heard the old saying, "Luck is the residue of diligence — the harder I practice, the luckier I get." Most successful entrepreneurs are not just "lucky." They find success because they are well prepared, understand innovation, and perceive market needs very well. In short, successful entrepreneurs have done their homework! ☐



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Seventh grader 'builds track of dreams'

Backyard track built
by 14-year-old boy

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It may have taken him nearly a whole summer's worth of work, but a 14-year-old Joplin boy has built his backyard "track of dreams."

Jon Driskill, a seventh grader at South Middle School, has been building and racing radio controlled (RC) cars since he was 10.

So when he decided he wanted a place in Joplin to race them, his own yard seemed like as good a place as any.

"I went to Springfield or Tulsa to race before I built this track," Driskill said.

Driving Driskill to and from the nearest tracks was an incentive to his father to help him build one at the edge of the family's yard.

"That was a great deal of the motivation on my part," said Ed Driskill, owner of Driskill Properties and Construction. "That's when I said, 'I'll get you the materials but you've got to do [the work].'"

"A hundred miles, one way, every Saturday to race; we just couldn't do it."

It was taking too much time," he said.

Ed Driskill had the tools, and Jon knew how to use them.

He helps his father on the job site during the summer.

Jon Driskill worked until 3 p.m. every day helping his father, then went home and worked on the track until late every night.

The project took him most of the summer.

"So he has his own track of

dreams here," Ed Driskill said. "He built it, and they just came from everywhere."

Jon Driskill put the word out that he had the track, and, hoping to start an RC car club, invited other racers to use the track on Saturdays, from noon to dark. The first day the track was open was Sept. 13.

"They came about an hour early," he said.

"They wanted to come bad."

About 10 people ranging in age from 18 to 27, came to try out Driskill's track the first day.

Since then, several more have shown interest.

"I'm the youngest one and I'm the track owner," Driskill said. "We're trying to get a club together to race here, or to go down to Tulsa once in a while."

"Every once in a while, I still like to go down [to Tulsa]. They're really big down there. Everyone gets together and goes down there, nobody misses out here."

The dirt track Driskill built is 70 feet long by 40 feet wide.

It is designed to accommodate on-road or off-road racing.

The curves and lanes were put in and separated with flexible plastic tubing.

Off one side of the track is the controller's platform or stand. Racers can stand on the platform to guide their cars.

"There's seven turns and a berm," Driskill said.

Driskill has four cars with both electric and gasoline engines.

He bought them as model kits and put them together from the ground up.

He runs both types of cars on the track.

Anyone wishing to join Driskill's club or wanting more information may call 623-1849. □



Jon Driskill, a 14-year-old seventh grader at South Middle School, races radio controlled cars on the dirt track he built, at the edge of the family's yard. The race track took him most of the summer to complete.

Nuts & Bolts

Looking for perfect car

In bygone days of the wild west, when your horse went lame you simply got off, shot it, and started walking.

I recently had to face a similar decision I had to answer the burning, insistent question, "Should I repair this car again, or shoot it and start walking?"



Brin Cavan
Guest Columnist

Becoming an expert on cars and their troubles is easy, when you have a large number of car problems. I should know. I have broken down in one foreign country, and from coast to coast in the United States. I regularly read or listen to "Click and Clack," Tom & Ray Magliozzi. From these "Car Guys," I gather as much unconventional auto wisdom as possible.

And, there is ownership. Learning cars intimately is no problem when you have owned more cars than you are years old.

My first auto was a 1970 Custom Ford with a souped-up engine for racing. This car got me into trouble. My first ticket at 15 years old was for going 90 in a 55 zone.

At 20, I was married and living in Keflavik, Iceland, with a Fiat X1/9. Even though it was brand new, we took the head off that transversely-situated mid-engine numerous times.

The X1/9 was the only one of its kind on the island. When my husband drove it under a truck, the only way we could get a new windshield was to have an Air Force airman bring us one. The most unusual car I ever owned was one-of-a-kind. An innovative mechanic put a diesel engine in a Pontiac Trans Am. Try driving that up to a diesel pump. Then watch them freak.

The procurement of a 1971 Austin Mini proved to be interesting. After 1970, they were considered illegal, because they didn't conform to U.S. auto specifications. They have only 10-inch tires — about wheelbarrow size. Ours came into the states in pieces, and we somehow managed to get it registered.

This was fine until we were pulled over by a police officer in Texas, who knew his British cars. He said, "I don't know how you got this car legal, and I don't want to know!"

The largest number I ever owned at once was seven. At the time, I got rid of the cars but kept the husband who bought them. I realize now that I should have kept the cars and gotten rid of the husband.

I have decided the perfect auto for me would be a Lexus. I would pick this car for its highly rated customer satisfaction and long-term dependability, but with a few minor changes.

I would require a 12-cylinder engine similar to an E-Type Jag's for speed in this fast-paced world. It would need the cargo space of a Volkswagen bus.

Not only could I reminisce about the 60s, but it would be large enough to carry my three children, four soccer players, seven bags of groceries, and a golden retriever.

And last, but not least, I would install armor plating on the outside and a clutch plate made of titanium for teenage drivers who ride the clutch and run into light poles. □

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Noon—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 306
4:00 p.m.—
Soccer vs. Southern Nazarene
4:30 p.m.—
Deadline for homecoming royalty nominations, BSC 102
6:00 p.m.—
International Food Feast, Forest Park Baptist Church
7:00 p.m.—
Volleyball at Northwest Missouri State University

Saturday 4

Gross country at Northwest Missouri State Invitational
11:00 a.m.—
Volleyball at Missouri Western State College
1:00 p.m.—
Soccer at Baker vs. Southern Nazarene
1:30 p.m.—
Football at Missouri Western State College

Sunday 5

1:00 p.m.—
Soccer vs. Baker University
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
• Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 6

12:30 p.m.—
Homecoming royalty photo session, BSC, Room 314
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 7

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:15 p.m.—
Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 8

Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
• Academics Anonymous meeting, Heames Hall
5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, BSC, Room 310
9 p.m.—
Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

Thursday 9

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model UN meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio
3:00 p.m.—
Intramural 4/4 walleyball meeting
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Football at Central Missouri State University
• Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
• Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

COLLEGE HISTORY

Mystery bells spark campus curiosity

Chimes originated to provide historic college atmosphere

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Everyone has an opinion on the bells. Yet in many Missouri Southern students, they remain a mystery. "Where do they come from?" asked Rob Huffman, junior psychology and criminal justice major. "I hear them all the time, but I've never actually seen them."

The "bells" actually emanate from an electronic system atop the Billingsly Student Center, a compact disc that is hooked up to play at hour and half-hour intervals and

once or twice during breaks.

No one knows exactly how long the bells have been here, but College President Julio Leon said that they've been here for a while.

"I believe we've had the bells on campus for at least seven or eight years," he said.

The initial plan for enhancing Southern's atmosphere with bells seems more exotic now that students are used to them.

"The campus wanted a distinctive identifying mark," Leon said. "Part of the original idea was to possibly have a tower in the middle of the oval —

a tower with a clock with the bells that would lend itself to the college atmosphere as it exists in many other campuses across the nation."

Part of the original idea was to possibly have a tower in the middle of the oval...

Dr. Julio Leon
College president

So how did Southern end up with a compact disc in place of the real thing? "We were not successful in bring-

ing the tower into reality," Leon said. "So about that time we heard of this electronic system that was relatively inexpensive, yet produced the same type of atmosphere."

Big Ben or no, the bell machine starts up at 7:30 a.m. and shuts off at 10 p.m., so that neighbors of the College won't be disturbed.

Still, the bells spark plenty of commentary from students who live on campus.

"Especially, like real early in the morning, I really don't care for them," said Kim Thompson, senior

elementary education major. "Living so close to campus I can hear them when I'm messing around in my apartment, so I really don't care for them overall."

Other students mentioned the music selection and the functions that the bells provide.

"The other morning they had 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' playing. I about flipped," Huffman said. "They always play something weird — like playing Elvis in going a bit too far — but at least the bells help me get to class on time."

"I think they sound nice," said Jack Finley, freshman undecided major.

"Yeah, they make the campus more enjoyable," said Corey Higgins, freshman computer aided drafting and design major. □

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Campus political clubs make bipartisan strides

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

The portrayal of the political parties by the evening news often leaves people wondering if the parties could even agree on a take-out pizza order.

However, the two campus branches of these parties, the College Republicans and the Young Democrats, do not find working together so difficult.

"We don't have any personal problems with them," said Gary Crites, president of the College Republicans. "In fact, in the past, we've done things with them."

That sentiment is echoed by the Young Democrats.

"For the most part I get along with them," said Sean Poindexter, president of the Young Democrats. "I've got friends who are in the [College] Republicans." These groups have worked together in the past to organize a health care symposium and voter registration drives.

The main focus of both organizations is to help the campaigns of politicians running for office. When there are no pending elections, both groups organize activities and discussions of political ideas.

"We're discussing bringing a speaker to campus," said Crites, junior political sci-

ence major. "We're looking into working with some of the other Republican organizations to bring someone like Oliver North or Walter Williams to campus."

Poindexter, sophomore political science major, said these groups provide something special to students.

"If people are involved in groups or extra-curricular activities outside of just classes, they're more likely to stay in college because they'll have more of a connection to that," he said. "A lot of people consider politics very important, so it's a group they can easily get into."

Poindexter also said both groups are good for students because they allow students to meet people with similar political philosophies.

"It gives me a feeling that I know I'm not by myself in my beliefs," he said. "I know that while the other members may not agree with me on everything, they at least are there; I can talk to them about it and not have to worry about prejudice against my ideas."

The College Republicans meet at 12:20 p.m. every Tuesday in the Billingsly Student Center, and the Young Democrats meet at 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays every month in Room 204 of Webster Hall. Anyone interested in these two groups need not be a member of a certain political party. □

Bipartisan love



YOUNG DEMOCRATS

■ Meet at 12:15 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 204 Webster Hall

■ Dr. Markman, faculty adviser

■ Sean Poindexter, student president

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■ Meet at 12:20 p.m. every Tuesday, 311 Billingsly Student Center

■ Charles Nodler, faculty adviser

■ Gary Crites, student president

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Kim Taylor, junior graphic art major, applies war paint to Rob Huffman, junior criminal justice major, in preparation for wild and crazy antics in the stands at Saturday's game.

LION PRIDE



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Whitney Hudson, sophomore, Christin Mathis, freshman, and Phoebe Williams, sophomore, wave their Lion pride flags at the football game against Pittsburg State University on Saturday.

Color Guard adds brilliance

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

A flash of color is what the Missouri Southern Color Guard helps add to the Lion Pride Marching Band.

The purpose of the guard is to enhance the Lion Pride Marching Band, said guard captain Hollie Townley, junior sociology major.

"To make the marching band look a little bit better," she said. "To kind of bring a little bit of color to it."

Townley said the members represent several majors and class levels.

"Right now they range anywhere from freshmen to juniors," she said, "from chemistry majors to music majors."

Christin Mathis, freshman secondary education major, said the group is forming a bond during the time members spend together.

"We're growing close together as a group," she said. "It's the best guard I've been on as far as that goes."

Mathis said members spend several hours a day practicing their routines.

"We spend every day from 2 to 3 practicing," she said, "and then from 3 to 4:30

with the band," she said.

Townley said besides performing at football games, the guard will be in several parades.

"Right now we're doing the Joplin parade and the Maple Leaf parade," she said, "and Homecoming, of course."

Mathis said these exhibitions will be a good chance for the guard to show what members have been doing.

"I think it will be a good opportunity," she said, "to show what we've been working so hard on."

Townley said tryouts for the guard are held twice a year.

"We have tryouts during the springtime and we have tryouts during the fall," she said. "All you have to do is come to the tryouts."

"We run a simple routine that has your basics in it," Townley said. "If you do well, then you can become a member." Mathis said she likes the fact that members can have a voice in the routines.

"I think it's good that the captain doesn't dictate," she said. "We work together as a group on everything, and if we have suggestions she's really willing to take hold and say 'Hey, it might work.' □

College choir showcases student talent

Southern music group takes its act on the road

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

It is no secret that there is plenty of talent at Missouri Southern.

Artists, actors, and musicians are often seen and heard throughout the year at various shows, exhibitions, and plays. Southern Exposure is one of the groups that promotes the good name of the College.

"Southern Exposure is a show choir that sings and dances," said Brad Harris, senior music education major and member of Southern Exposure.

"We combine various styles of music with dancing together."

Southern Exposure performs for different clubs and organizations in the community, according to Monica

Hilderbrand, senior music education major. The group also sings at different concerts and visits high schools and colleges to promote the College.

"We don't compete, but sometimes we are the opener for various competitions," Hilderbrand said.

"We also do some acting; we have a lot of fun," said Charis Wiedeman, sophomore music education major. "We are like a family. When we give a good performance, we feel good about it."

To become a member of Southern Exposure, a person needs to go through an auditioning process, according to Bud Clark, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities.

"First of all, a person has to have a good voice combined with a good personality," Clark said.

"Then he or she goes through a dancing audition. The best ones who can do both are selected."

There are 18 members of the group this semester, according to Clark. "They seem to work together — their personalities match," he said.

"We practice three hours a week plus extras," Wiedeman said.

"I like to get out and perform; the more the audience enjoys it, the more we enjoy it."

Hilderbrand said she likes the musical outlet the group gives her.

"I love to sing; music is everything to me," she said. "It is another way to get somewhere what I love to do. We perform a lot more than others."

The first opportunity to see Southern Exposure this fall will be Nov. 4 at the choir concert at Southern.

"To perform energizing dance while singing and making it look easy is what Southern Exposure is all about," Clark said. "So that everyone can see the talent we have here." □



TERESA BLAND/The CHART

Southern Exposure practices material for an upcoming musical performance.

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Students at the nine-month program at Spiva Center for the Arts get first-hand art experience over the summer.

Preschool students gain art experience

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Preschool children are exploring art at the Spiva Center for the Arts. Spiva has begun a nine-month program for preschool age children and their parents to educate the children on the mediums of art. This will be the first nine month program offered in preschool children.

"The program had its kick-off over the summer," said Darlene Brown, Spiva director. "We had about six children in our summer program."

Mary Barksdale, Spiva executive secretary, said there was parental interest for such a program.

"There was a need, a number of requests from mothers of preschoolers who wanted art for their little ones," she said.

The preschool sessions are designed to include a parent. Brown said Spiva received much positive feedback concerning the summer session of the Art for Tots program.

The new program is the class designed for the preschool children, she said.

"Other mothers wanted additional art for their older children," Barksdale said.

There is a meeting once a week for the preschoolers and their parents. Each month the class explores a different medium — painting, movement, clay, crafts, photography/film, music, and 3-D art. The curriculum includes an exploration of the culture of various countries, their language, food, and the art important to the particular country. Field trips are planned, and artists will be visiting the classes.

Registration for the program is for the full nine months. Payment for the first half is due upon registration; the payment for the second half is due in January.

Classes for children ages 2 and 3 years will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Children ages 4 and 5 will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. Grades K-2 will meet from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursdays. Grades 3-5 will meet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Classes began Wednesday. Late enrollment might be a possibility. □

BARNYARD DAYS

Neosho festival features barns

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

The Barnyard Days Festival of Arts and Crafts is yet proof again that hard work and perseverance can make dreams come true.

The festival is a five-year dream of Dr. Steve Roark, associate professor of marketing, and his wife, Tammy, the owners of the 1,100-acre Circle K Ranch where the festival will be held.

Roark's sister, Claire Green, is also a contributor in arranging the festival.

The Neosho festival began this morning and will go on until 6 p.m. It runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Roarks have restored and rebuilt their old barns, some constructed at the turn of the century.

"We don't use the barns like we used to, but we didn't want to tear them down," Roark said. "We wanted them maintained and looking like they were when we were growing up. We've got stories, memories, and recollections in all of them."

"We're very proud of our heritage. It's what Barnyard Days is all about."

More than 100 exhibitors from many states will be housed in hay barns, milk barns, riding stables, granaries, molting sheds, bunk houses, free-standing canopies, and a circus tent.

All crafts and art work will be authentic hand-crafted by the exhibitor. Nothing commercial has been allowed by Roark.

He said all exhibitors had to submit documentation with references and photos of their work in order to participate in the festival. Dulcimer and basket weaving demonstrations will also be featured, as well as wicker furniture and blacksmith items.

They already have "quality exhibitors" booking for next year.

"We believe we can build this into a legitimate regional experience," Roark said.

"We want to be recognized as pro-southwest Missouri."

Decorations include 3,000 pounds of pumpkins, hundreds of flowers, corn stalks, hay bales, and a few other surprises. □

PROMUSICA

Resident string quartet pays visit to Joplin audiences

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Admitting she neither plays an instrument or can sing "Happy Birthday to You," Cynthia Schwab, founder and director of ProMusica, expresses her love for music in other ways.

"What I feel I can do is develop an audience and bring people in to hear and enjoy," she said.

And develop an audience Schwab did this week in Joplin. With a grant from Chamber Music

America in New York, ProMusica presented the Angeles String Quartet.

The week-long residency of the group from Los Angeles included appearances at Joplin High School, Webb City High School, Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School, Missouri Southern, and concerts and demonstrations throughout Joplin.

"Classical music should not be something that scares people," Schwab said. "To have a quartet in residence this long enables them to

touch several hundred people in various ways."

The ensemble's 1989 concert tour of the West Coast gained it invitations from coast to coast. Currently, the group has embarked on a project to record Joseph Haydn's 68 string quartets for the Philips Classics label.

The quartet has a unique style when presenting to high school students.

"I am extremely interested in the way they take classical music into schools," Schwab said. "They will

go into an English class and, say, relate the music to what they [students] are doing — you paint pictures with words in English literature, we [musicians] paint pictures with sound — and show the relevance and the interconnection of what they are studying with the arts."

She said the group may take a different approach in a math or history class.

Dr. Carolyn Vandeven, assistant superintendent of curriculum for the Joplin R-8 School District,

thinks this weaving between subjects is an extremely valuable lesson for the students. Various musical groups have performed for the schools during the past four years.

"I feel we have been very fortunate to have the different art groups in Joplin to make these opportunities available to our students," she said.

Students can discuss with the visiting musicians what it takes to become a musician, explore other cultures, and hear high quality music. □

Coming Attractions

On Campus



Performances

■ Oct. 15-18—Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Taylor Auditorium

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM
Dec. 6, 7—The Stolen Prince
Jan. 28-31—The Runner Stumbles

MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM
Foreign Films
Oct. 14—Judex
Oct. 28—The Murderers are Among Us
Nov. 11—Earth

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM
Oct. 7—Senior Recital - Joanie Martin, Piano
Oct. 9—Senior Recital - Keith Talley, Saxophone
Oct. 16—Student Recital
Oct. 23—Faculty Voice Recital - Dr. Smith
Oct. 28—Faculty Violin Recital - Dr. Liu
Nov. 4—Choir Concert
Nov. 6—Lect./Demo., Chinese Music Celebration
Student Recital

SPIVA ART GALLERY
Sept. 28-Oct. 17—Drawings by Summer in Sweden '97 students
Oct. 27-Nov. 21—Southern Showcase '97
Dec. 8-Dec. 19—Senior Shows

Joplin



■ Oct. 19—Tribute to Patsy Cline, Memorial Hall

CHAMPS 782-4944
Oct. 3, 4—Joe Giles & Hard Tops
Oct. 5—Tailgate party, noon
Oct. 8—Solace
Oct. 10—Razen Kane
Oct. 11—Blues Blaster
Oct. 17—Stone Lilly
Oct. 19—Octoberfest
Oct. 24, 25—Walking on Einstein

THE BYPASS 624-9095

Oct. 3—Trout Fishing in America
Oct. 4—Monique Marvey
Oct. 10—Black Oak Arkansas
Oct. 14—The Websters
Oct. 17—King Friday
Oct. 31—Walking on Einstein

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

After discovering how much fun it was to play with toddlers, Janet Williams changed her education focus to include elementary school.

New teacher turns focus to tiny tots

Fun with own children has Williams changing direction

By CHRISTIN MATHIS
CHART REPORTER

Teens to tots, she has taught them all. Janet Williams, a new teacher in the 2-year-old classroom of the childhood development center, began her career teaching high school algebra and geometry in Carthage. She then switched to middle school in Lamar before returning to school for her elementary and early childhood teaching certification.

"When I decided to go back to school, my kids were going through preschool," she said. "I went with them and was an aide. I decided, 'Well, this is fun,' so I switched."

Three summers and 45 credit hours later, Williams was ready for the little ones. She taught kindergarten in Pierce City and then second grade in Lamar.

Williams has been at Missouri Southern since Aug. 1. The reason she took the job was, "It was something I hadn't done yet." Also, she lives in Carthage so the location is more convenient.

"These kids are hilarious!" she said. "You'll come back and they're eating your food."

The best part of the job, according to Williams, is "nap time," while the worst is changing diapers.

Her students love books, music, dancing activities, and playtime. The most challenging part of her job is to "get them doing the same thing at the same time."

In Williams' classroom, reading is a big priority.

"I always thought it would be so hard to teach a kid to read," she said. "But day by day I had kindergartners reading. It was really neat!"

In her 2-year-old class she hopes her students will learn to love books.

"If you can teach kids to love books, even at this age, they are going to be readers," Williams said.

The younger the children, the more prepared the teacher has to be.

"You really have to keep on the move to keep their attention," she said.

Busyness is not a new occurrence for Williams. As the mother of five, she has attended many sporting events, school activities, and recently, graduations. Her three younger chil-

dren are still in public school, two in junior high and one in high school. Her two older daughters are at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

To mothers of large families, Williams says, "They're only going to be young once. Your job is to be there and go to their events. Do as much as you can because they'll be going to college pretty soon."

With her first two children off to school, her Carthage Victorian home seems larger.

"There's an empty bedroom now," she said. "When all these kids move out we'll have all these empty rooms."

Besides spending time with her family, Williams enjoys playing tennis and golf as well as snow skiing.

She also likes to watch movies and travel. Her journeys have taken her to Germany twice and Austria and Hawaii.

"I love to travel," she said. "I just want to go back everywhere I've been."

Williams received her secondary education certification from Emporia State University and her elementary and early childhood degree from Southern. She is currently pursuing her master's degree at Southwest Missouri State University. □

CHEMISTRY

Learn, learn, learn... then learn some more

By SARAH WHEELER
CHART REPORTER

Another Missouri Southern graduate is back on campus.

Dr. Michael Garoutte, assistant professor of chemistry, graduated with honors in 1989.

"I always thought Missouri Southern would be a great

place to teach," he said. "It's the only job I applied for this year."

After graduating from the University of Kansas and teaching at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Garoutte is back in Joplin.

"I'm moving back home," he said.

His local roots run deep. Garoutte is a native of Carl Junction. His wife, Susan, is also from the area. His sister, Amy, lives in Springfield, and his brother, John, is attending Southern.

Family isn't the only thing drawing Garoutte back to Southern. He says one of the aspects he enjoys most about teaching is forming relationships with students. That's why he appreciates small colleges such as Southern. Small classes give him an opportunity to help students on a more individual basis. The thing Garoutte enjoys least right now about teaching is having to work hard to be prepared and stay ahead of students, especially in a new class he is teaching. He said "that" will become easier. He tries to model his teaching style after his doctoral adviser's.

"He was not only brilliant, but the best teacher I've ever had," Garoutte said. "He could explain any difficult topic, on any level, and not in a condescending way."

From learning to play every musical instrument to learning to speak every language, Garoutte said if he could do anything he would "learn everything there is to learn."

"One must always have goals," he said.

His first goal is to finish unpacking. While not wanting to "change the way things are done," Garoutte is interested in developing some new courses. He is also considering organizing a new chemistry club. Garoutte has some advice for students: "Spend as much time on studies as you can. Make your college experience worthwhile." However, he also stresses the importance of "having fun."

"It can't always be work, work, work," he said.

As for a philosophy of life, Garoutte said, "One can never have too many T-shirts." □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

As shown by his tie-dyed lab coat, Dr. Michael Garoutte, assistant professor of chemistry, has a zest for life.

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE



If students don't pay attention in B. Dwayne Knight's industrial hygiene classes, they may wind up like his buddy.

TERESA BLAND/The Chart

No bones about it

Hazardous wastes, teaching facts of life for Knight

By JENNIFER DOUBLEDDEE
CHART REPORTER

Hazardous wastes are seldom considered by most people, but for B. Dwayne Knight, assistant professor of biology, they are a fact of life.

"I teach people how to respond to chemical spills, how to clean up hazardous waste, and how to be safe about it," he said.

Knight holds an M.S. in industrial hygiene, which specializes in health and safety.

He has two Environmental Protection Agency certifications as well as being an emergency medical technician.

"I have taught for the past three years, but not at a college level," he said. "I've been teaching hazardous waste training courses."

Knight believes he fits "perfectly" at Missouri Southern.

The biology department is combined with the environmental health department.

"They needed an industrial hygienist here to teach health and safety courses, as well as someone to teach general biology classes," he said.

Knight has experiences in international

travel which tie in with Southern's international mission.

"I have traveled twice to Spain and once to Kuwait training military personnel how to respond to chemical emergencies," he said. "I may go back to Kuwait next summer."

In industrial hygiene one recognizes, evaluates, and controls substances in the work place that may cause health problems for the workers or the people of the community.

"I like it because it's a technical field. I can actually save lives by teaching safety technique," Knight said.

His favorite part of teaching is the interaction with students.

The long hours required of new faculty and Southern's computer network are among Knight's least favorite aspects. He is the first in his family to be degreed. Knight believes "family should be everyone's hero." His family gave him support and told him never to give up.

Knight's wife, Julie, is a dental assistant with a degree in biology.

She, like Knight, is from southeastern Oklahoma.

They dated in high school, then went to the University of Oklahoma together. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Mariah.

"She's starting to walk, trying to talk, and copies everything I say — she tries to anyway," Knight said.

His hobbies include weight-lifting, cycling, golf, flying, and all water sports.

Knight has gone bungee jumping and wants to go parachuting.

"I am a licensed private pilot," he said. "I almost changed my major way back. I almost went into aviation completely."

If he could do one thing in the world, he would be a fighter pilot.

"My goals are to deliver the material the best that I can to students so they can take it with them when they leave," Knight said. □

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B. Dwayne Knight
Assistant professor of biology

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate realizes need for dreams, but tempers it with dose of reality

By ANDREA EMANUEL
CHART REPORTER

Working part-time allows Tania Bowman, employment specialist, to exercise her life philosophy: finding the right balance.

"You can have desires of the heart, and your head can dream about things, but we all have to live in today," she said. "You can meet your responsibilities and still live your dreams."

Bowman says the best way to find that balance is to prioritize. For Bowman, family is at the top of the list. Next comes her job and then her responsibility to herself.

"All of life is a balance of those three things," she said.

She began working at Missouri Southern as a way of prioritizing.

"I've come to the point now that I can afford to take some time off and work on my writing and spend more time with my family," Bowman said.

Previously, she had worked for Smith Foods 50-55 hours a week. The experience she gained through her two and a half years working there proved an invaluable training ground.

Bowman has lived in the Joplin area for three years. She began work-

ing in the human resources office at Missouri Southern in February. As an employment specialist, her responsibilities include recruiting and the new hire process for non-faculty.

She works closely with the hiring supervisors to determine job descriptions and find the kind of person they need in the positions.

"It's a 20-hour-a-week job, but so far I've not had any time to spare," she said.



Bowman

Bowman is a 1994 Southern graduate.

She began her college education as a theatre major, then switched to communications before deciding on a management degree. She advises students to think about their choice of major. She says if you are talented in a fine art, you can never lose that. As far as education goes, however, a "bread and butter" degree is much more practical.

"If someone really has their heart

set on going to Hollywood and becoming an actor, or going to Broadway and doing stage-work, then they should do that," Bowman said. "But if you know you're going to stay in Joplin and raise a family here, then you have to meet your responsibilities and prioritize. You have to think about what it's going to take to survive."

She knows this from experience. Currently, she is finishing a book of poetry, and hopes to have it published in the near future. □

HIGH SCHOOLS

Area schools face third year judgment

Joplin, Carl Junction
wrap up A+ program

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Joplin and Carl Junction High Schools will soon face judgment by state officials. If the schools pass, future graduates will be able to reap the benefits of attending an "A+ School."

"The whole purpose behind A+ schools is to help the state of Missouri turn out graduates that will help the United States compete globally," said Sue Day, guidance counselor at Joplin High School and former A+ School coordinator.

Under the program, graduates from a designated A+ school who sign the A+ Schools Student Financial Incentive Agreement and meet certain criteria are eligible upon graduation to receive free tuition, books, and fees at any

Missouri public community college or vocational school.

Any school in the state could apply to become an A+ School with the improvements in technology areas implemented. Unlike Joplin, however, not all schools received grants, making it more difficult to reach those goals. The funding for the school will end this school year.

"Basically, if you receive a grant, you have three years to go through the process of becoming a designated A+ School," Day said. "This year is our third year and this is also Carl Junction's third year."

"There were certain things we were required to do like implement the applied math, applied science classes, diffuse technology into the classroom, and to develop learner expectations for all of our courses," she said.

With money from a grant from the state for the program, Joplin built a computer lab, emphasized

the teaching of employment skills, such as multimedia productions, and installed the applied classes in place of general classes.

"We eliminated classes that did not lead anywhere," Day said.

The general curriculum was eliminated, and students now choose a path that will prepare for a two-year or four-year college.

"The idea behind the grant, is if we, the state of Missouri, are to remain competitive then we have got to turn out students who are willing to invest more in their education than just high school," Day said.

The program emphasizes technology and business skills. The schools were told to look outside the education community for ideas.

Joplin turned to the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tracy Osborne, Chamber vice president, said it was willing to help.

"The Chamber has been instru-

mental in helping get A+ off the ground," Day said.

"We had a number of volunteers serve on the A+ advisory board," Osborne said. "That is one of the components of the A+ schools, that you are supposed to get involvement not just from the educators and parents but also from the business community."

"So we helped fulfill that component."

The advisory board not only benefited the school, but the chamber as well.

"We have taken on several projects that were brought to the forefront by the advisory board," Osborne said.

To qualify for the Financial Incentive Program, students must maintain 80 percent attendance for the three years preceding graduation, perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring for younger students, maintain a record of good citizenship, and avoid drug use. □

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Sue Day
Joplin H.S. Guidance
Counselor

LOCAL SPORTS

Area team contracts wrap up

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Sept. 19, the Webb City and Joplin High School football teams faced each other on the playing field for the second time in as many years, completing a two-year contract. If Webb City officials have any say, it will also be the last time the two teams meet.

Webb City, which competes in the Class 4A football district, has elected to sign a contractual agreement with Camdenton High School, also a 4A team, in place of Joplin, a 5A district team.

"The state of Missouri has just gone through a restructuring of our districts," said Rusty Shelley, athletic director for Joplin High School. "We do this every two years and have tried to reintroduce new contracts with all of our same opponents for the next two years, and some have chosen not to do that."

Webb City High School athletic director Randy Richardson cites this restructuring and conflicting schedules as a reason for the change, but adds there is "no real advantage" in playing a 5A team.

Joplin and Webb City football teams have faced each other three times in the last eight years; each time, the game was hailed as the highlight of Joplin's season.

"I felt that our games with [Webb City] were really good for high school sports in our area," Shelley said. "It was a natural rivalry that generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm."

Richardson cites the same reasoning as means for not renewing the contract.

"The relationship we have with Joplin is good, but we're not here to foster rivalries," he said. "That usually leads to problems."

Some of the "problems" materialized as acts of vandalism allegedly carried out by students from the two schools, the most notorious of which being the strategic placing of a cow on Webb City's football field prior to the 1996 game.

Despite the "bad blood" between the schools, Shelley says he can't see the benefit of not renewing a game that has become so popular.

"I don't understand the philosophy behind it," he said. "Any time you can get two quality programs playing that are so close, I think it's good for high school sports."

Webb City soundly defeated Joplin in 1996 and 1997, but Shelley dismisses the losses as reasoning for not renewing the contract between the schools.

"The last two years they've handled us pretty easily, but I don't think that trend would have continued." □

HERITAGE

Red Oak II reminiscent of past times

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Pieces of the past litter the site of Red Oak II. Lowell Davis, internationally known agricultural artist and creator of "Little Critter" collectible miniatures, restored his childhood home of Red Oak so "no one would forget," he said.

Red Oak, Mo., was a small rural town in the 1930s.

"The 1930s seemed to be a much simpler time," Davis said. "Neighbors helping neighbors; everyone had a garden and canned their own food. They had a milk cow and they even made their own clothes. By today's standards they were poor...they just didn't know it."



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chart
Mike Tichenor, Red Oak store owner, adds another log to the fire.

He remembers a vanishing way of life for the thousands of people in small towns across America. It is the same kind of life Davis experienced when he grew up in Red Oak.

"There are a lot of things here for remembering," said Nell Marie Brooks, part-time tour guide and store clerk for the General Store in Red Oak II.

After World War II, however, life began to change. Most of Red Oak's residents moved away for a better life.

People abandoned rural communities and began moving to the cities. The small towns these people lived in slowly dried up and became ghost towns. Red Oak was one of those towns. When Lowell returned to his boyhood home from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, that is what he discovered.

It was then he began to buy the houses and businesses of Red Oak and move them 11 miles to his Fox Fire Farm near Carthage. Here he restored them to their original grandeur. The new location is named Red Oak II.

"He (Davis) had always felt sorry for old buildings that were let deteriorate," Brooks said.

Grandpa Weber's Blacksmith Shop, where Lowell's great-grandfather practiced his trade; the Feed and Seed Store; and the old Phillip's 66 Station, which was originally located on old Route 66 near the original Red Oak, are all restored and on display at Red Oak II.

Many of the buildings are being utilized for more modern events. The Salem Country Church is available for weddings. The old School Marm's House, the Frank Yant House, and the Garfield Wylie Cabin and the Dalton Gang Homestead are available for an overnight getaway.

The Belle Starr Home/Museum is a replica of Belle's home at the time she was murdered. Starr was known as the "Female Jesse James" and the "Petticoat Terror of the Plains."

The old School Marm's House was donated by Sam Butcher, the Precious Moments artist. While clearing land to build the Precious Moments Chapel, Butcher came across this house. Knowing of Davis' plan to recreate Red Oak, he decided to give the house to Davis rather than destroy it. Butcher provided the restoration funds and asked that the house be named in honor of his high school art teacher, Rex Moravec.

Davis was able to reconstruct an exact replica of his Great Grandma and Grandpa Weber's house. It was located in the original Red Oak, moved to Red Oak II in 1989, and completed in 1990. Grandpa Weber's Blacksmith Shop is also at Red Oak II.

The Frank Yant House sat across the road from the original Red Oak General Store. Yant's house was situated where everyone in town could observe the comings and goings of Frank's female friends. Davis spent hours learning to carve, whittle, tell yarns, and smoke a corn cob pipe at the store.

Garfield Wylie was a hired hand for the Bay Williams farm, but spent most of his time hunting and fishing.

This log house came from the old Route 66 highway. It was donated by the Koontz family of LaRussell, moved to Red Oak II, and restored in 1990.

"I grew up in a general store. I worked in a grocery store nearly all my life," said Mike Tichenor, who runs the General Store at Red Oak II. "I needed something that was my soul. I can relate, love the people."

"It's different, calmer, more laid back, and more restful," Brooks said. "We're for remembering." □

LOCAL RESTAURANT

Memphis-style barbecue comes to Range Line

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

A recent addition to Joplin's range of restaurants, Red, Hot & Blue, promises to bring a distinct brand of Memphis blues to Joplin.

The restaurant, located at 2601 Range Line, will open the last week of October, according to owner Mitch Allen.

Michael Dodson, general manager, said the restaurant will serve Memphis-style barbecue.

"Typically, there are four distinct [styles] of barbecue: Carolina, Memphis, Texas, and Kansas City. We use Memphis-pit style," Dodson said. "As for the type of music played, it will be a mixture of blues, specifically from the 50s and 60s."

Red, Hot & Blue will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The name Red, Hot & Blue comes from a Memphis radio program. Elvis Presley, when he first came on the music scene in the 1950s, was featured on the program.

"Red, Hot & Blue is a great place to bring the family for some great atmosphere and food," Dodson said.

According to Allen, the atmosphere is influenced by Beale Street in Memphis.

"The recipes also come from Memphis and have been proven through the years," he said.

Allen said there are currently 28 Red, Hot & Blue restaurants open across the country, and "the concept is growing rapidly."

According to Allen, the decor of the restaurant will resemble a jukebox type of atmosphere with pictures of celebrities who have eaten at the restaurant lining the walls.

"When customers walk in, the music will be slightly louder than a typical restaurant to bolster mood and strive for a fun atmosphere," he said.

Although there will not be live music at the restaurant, Allen said B.B. King has been known to perform after eating at some Red, Hot & Blue locations, so Joplin residents should keep their eyes open for the legendary blues performer.

The restaurant is currently hiring for all positions. For more information, persons may call (417) 782-RIBS (7427) or fax a résumé to (417) 623-6551. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cottey College donates house to local charity

Cottey College is donating a house to the Nevada Area Habitat for Humanity.

The college bought the house to make space for the new Academic Center on campus.

The two-bedroom house at 330 S. Chestnut St. is to be moved to a lot on North Adams Street. The contractor for the college's building project, J.E. Dunn, will donate labor and equipment to move the house.

"It's a wonderful donation," said John Haggans, president of the Nevada Area Habitat for Humanity. "We really appreciate it. Without this gift, we would be at least six months away from helping another family."

Haggans said the local Habitat group is in the process of selecting the family to occupy the home.

Once in place, this house will be the second Habitat home to Nevada.

The first Habitat house is on the corner of Garfield and Adams streets.

The Cottey house will be moved to the 1100 block of North Adams Street.

Habitat for Humanity is an international not-for-profit organization that strives to provide housing to families who might otherwise not be able to afford it.

Cottey College is a two-year independent, liberal arts college for women. □

Monett plans Oktoberfest, events include bike rodeo

The sixth annual Monett Oktoberfest will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

There will be several events, including a pet parade, car and truck show, craft and food vendor booths, and the Little Miss and Mister Oktoberfest Pageant.

The pre-entry deadline for the Best Mom Essay contest is Oct. 15.

The Bicycle Safety Rodeo and Logan McKee 19-Kilometer Bicycle Race may be entered until the day of the events.

For more information, persons may call Sue Gorrel at 417-235-1331. □

Parents Support Group meets at local hospital

The Resolve Through Sharing (RTS) Bereavement Council of Freeman Health System will hold an organizational meeting for its Parent Support Group on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

RTS provides support to families who have experienced the loss of an infant through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still birth, or newborn death.

The meeting will focus on the organization of a Parents Support Group where parents can share their experiences and receive comfort from others who have endured a similar loss.

The meeting will be held in the Women's Lifecare Pavilion at the Freeman East Specialty Hospital, located at 932 E. 34th St. in Joplin.

Attendees should use the admissions entrance to enter the hospital. Due to limited space, reservations are needed by Oct. 17.

RTS promotes a multidisciplinary approach to reach out to grieving families.

A trained RTS counselor works with each family on a one-to-one basis throughout the grieving process by listening to the family's concerns, anticipating the needs of parents, offering positive choices, and helping the family to feel in control of their lives. RTS also offers sensitivity seminars to hospital staff.

Freeman Hospitals and Health Systems is located at 1102 W. 32nd St. in Joplin.

For more information, persons interested in the program may contact Karleen Martin at 417-625-6667. □

Sports SCOPE

Lions may be in rut of mediocracy

The jokes don't stop. I heard a student from Pittsburg State tell one not too long after the Lions' 42-14 loss to the Gorillas. It began: How many Missouri Southern Lions does it take to change a tire?

I think you know the punch line. If you don't, then you need to get out more. After that, I walked into a restaurant and heard someone yell, "Anyone who knows how to tackle, show up at Missouri Southern's field on Monday."

"Player" haters. Anyway, yes we lost. No, it wasn't pretty. At least not for us. And everyone has their own little speculation as to why we lost by such a large margin. Here are some of the theories I have heard:

- We were missing Robert Ilaoa.
- Our team is too young and couldn't handle the hype.
- Pitt State is just a better team.
- Pitt State players are on steroids.

While most of these statements are probably valid, I think it goes a little deeper than someone missing tackles or missing an assignment. Those are the things that are seen by the crowd, but what is really going on?

Why do they beat us? Year in and year out, the Pittsburg State Gorillas have a close to unbeatable team. They have dominated the MIAA for years. We have beat the Gorillas one time in 11 Miner's Bowl games. They have a lot of tradition.

Honestly, the difference between us and Pitt is that Pittsburg State is afraid to lose. It is not an option for them.

It seems that it has become a norm for our football team to go 6-4. We do not have mediocre coaching, nor do we have mediocre players. We do, however, have mediocre tradition.

I think that both teams came into Saturday's game ready to "play to win." After Pitt scored the first touchdown, I thought some of our guys "played in not lose." Whether you think so or not, there is a difference.

I can't say that the 42 points they scored were all well-earned points. The Lions really had no reason to think come-back when the stands began to empty after Pitt made the score 28-7 midway through the third quarter.

Coach Jon Lantz was probably right when he said that he thought some of the guys quit playing. It is very easy to catch the "let's get this one over with" syndrome when you are down by a large margin — I may have, too.

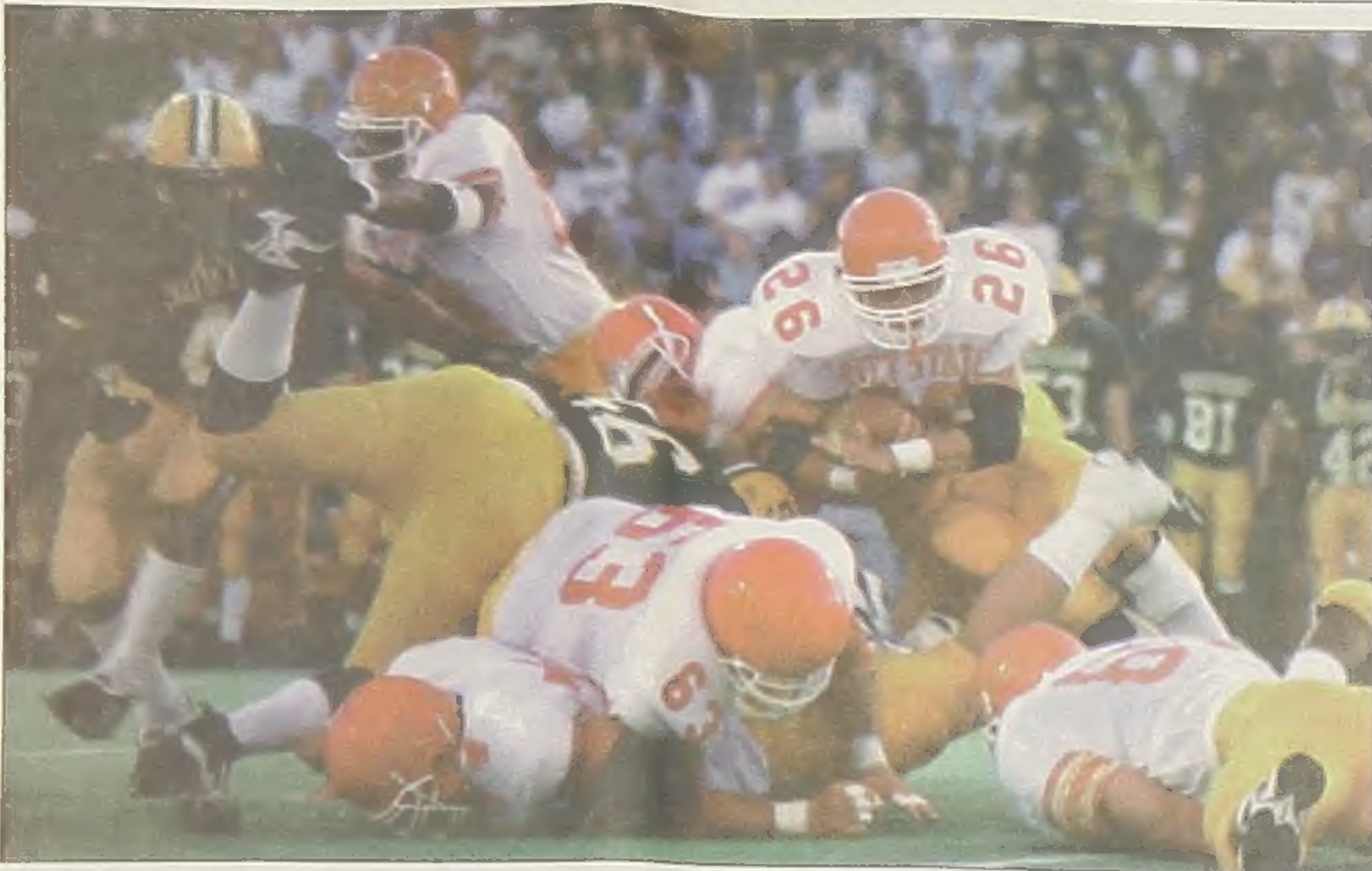
One thing is for sure. Eight wins and two losses is not mediocre. If a Lion in a jungle loses a battle, he licks his wounds and goes on with no fear. Just remember that not even half the battle has been fought.

By the way, for those of you who need to get out more, the answer to the Pitt State student's joke was "One. But when it's a blowout, the whole team shows up."



Andre Smith
Staff writer

FOOTBALL



Alex Wendler (26) and Pittsburg State's offense muscled through the Missouri Southern defensive line in Saturday night's 12th annual Miner's Bowl, rushing for a total of 451 yards. The Gorillas took home away with a 42-14 victory.

TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Johnson, Gorillas run over Southern

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Run over by a 505-yard offensive attack, Missouri Southern fell victim to visiting border rival Pittsburg State (3-0 overall, 2-0 MIAA) Saturday night.

The Lions (1-2, 0-2) dropped the 12th annual Miner's Bowl 42-14 in front of a crowd of 9,250 at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. With the loss, Southern now has a 1-11 record in the Miner's Bowl.

After a 0-0 first quarter, PSU running back Justin Johnson opened the scoring onslaught with a 24-yard carry for a touchdown just 55 seconds into the second. Two

Josh Barcus field goals gave the Gorillas a 13-0 lead at halftime.

Johnson's second touchdown of the game, a 57-yard run, gave the Gorillas a 20-0 lead before Southern found the end zone on Brad Cornelsen's 19-yard run.

PSU then broke away on three more Johnson scores. Johnson gained 273 yards for the evening on 16 carries.

"He is an average back, but he plays with a big heart and a lot of character," Lion head coach Jon Lantz said. "He is an average [NCAA] Division II running back, and we made him look like [ex-Gorilla] Ronald Moore."

Lantz credited both the coaches and the players in the PSU program.

"Our kids didn't pull the trigger," he said, "and the Pittsburg kids did. As head coach, I have to take some of the blame. I was obviously unable to find a way to get them to compete. I didn't push the right buttons."

The Lions made the final score of the game as Wallace Clay scampered 11 yards into the end zone with nine minutes remaining in the game.

Lantz said much of Southern's woes stem from inexperience in the starting lineup.

"If you look at it, there are 11 starters and eight of them are either newcomers or have never started before," he said. "I think it's immaturity. This is not a put-down; it's immaturity in the ways of football, a combi-

nation of youth and inexperience."

Southern travels to St. Joseph Saturday to take on sister college Missouri Western. The Griffons, 52-13 losers to Northwest Missouri State Saturday, are now 0-2 in the MIAA and 1-2 overall in their first year under coach Jerry Partridge.

Lantz said both teams will be looking to rebound.

"Both teams are hungry," he said. "I think the hungriest team will win the game. I'll start short of saying both teams are desperate. Nobody wants to be 0-3 in this league."

Southern has a Thursday game, Oct. 9, at Central Missouri State before returning home for an Oct. 10 game against Emporia State. □

SOCCER

Attitude key for Lion squad

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

One of the most difficult things for a coach to forget about is losing a game, but it is especially difficult to accept when your team didn't give a 100 percent effort. This was the case when the Lions lost to the University of Central Arkansas 3-1 on Sept. 24.

"It was not a good team effort," Lions' coach Jim Cook said. "When you have 11 players on the field and six players are playing their hearts out and the other five aren't, you're not going to win many games."

Cook said the Lions played well the first 15 minutes and took control of the tempo.

"Then they scored their first goal when one of our players didn't cover his man, and that was the play that put them up and put us down," he said.

"We just want to forget about this game and play like every game is our last."

Cook said Central Arkansas wanted to win the game more than Southern did.

"It's just a game to learn from because we were the more talented team," he said. "We didn't hustle, and the game was more important to them than us."

"We have to play like every game is for the World Cup."

On Wednesday, the Lions (3-4-1 overall)

"I really don't want to worry about the other team, because if we do what we have to do we will win."

Jim Cook
Soccer Lion head coach

dropped a 1-0 decision to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

Southern hosts the Southern Shootout this weekend. They play Southern Nazarene at 4 p.m. Friday and Baker University at 1 p.m. Sunday.

After last week's performance, Cook just wants his team to keep it simple.

"I really don't worry about the other team, because if we do what we have to do we will win," he said. "We don't adjust to other teams; we just have to play hard all the time." □



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Southern dropped its' second straight game Wednesday night after losing 1-0 to Oral Roberts University. The Lions fell to Central Arkansas 3-1 on September 24.

TENNIS FEATURE



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Sophomore Julie Posch hopes to make an impact at Southern.

Posch swings back into action after hiatus

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After taking a year off from the sport, sophomore elementary education major Julie Posch is hoping to make an impact on the Missouri Southern tennis team.

Posch, from Parsons, Kan., placed second in the Kansas 4A state tournament her junior and senior years.

"I lost to the same person both times, but our team won state both of those years," she said.

While she is classified as a sophomore, Posch is in first year eligibility to play after spending her freshman year at the University of Kansas.

"I was a little burned out after high school," she said. "I didn't play tennis there (at KU), but I

transferred because I wanted to play tennis here."

Coach Julie Fisher says Posch brings several things to the team.

"With the addition of Julie, we are much stronger coming in," Fisher said. "She will make a big difference point-wise, and she will also make us stronger in our conference tournament next spring."

It was a little nerve-racking to come in with such high expectations of her abilities, Posch said, but she proved herself worthy of the praise during the Lady Lions' first match at Drury College Saturday.

"I was very nervous in our first match because I wanted to live up to these expectations," she said.

Winning her No. 2 singles match 6-1, 6-3 and her doubles match with teammate Heather Andrews 8-5 made the difference to her.

"It gave me a lot of confidence," she said.

Coming from a sports family, Posch learned tennis when she was 7 years old at a tennis clinic her mother put together.

"We (her family) play everything," Posch said. "Actually it was not until we moved to Parsons where tennis is a big thing that I became really serious about tennis."

One quality Fisher notices in Posch is her positive attitude.

"She keeps everybody pumped up," Fisher said. "Julie helps keep spirits up in addition to her skills."

Posch says she thinks that although tennis may seem like an individual sport, it really revolves around team unity.

"I guess I could be called the cheerleader of the team," she said. "It always kind of psyches the

"She will make a big difference point-wise, and she will also make us stronger in our conference next spring."

Julie Fisher
Women's tennis coach

other team out to see togetherness in the opposing team, and we need that to win." □

RETIREMENT

Law change opens new benefit doors

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Collecting benefits for both retirees of state employees and their spouses was made easier this spring, after Gov. Mel Carnahan signed a new retirement bill into law May 13.

The law became effective Aug. 28.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said there were two major changes in the plan affecting Missouri Southern faculty and staff.

A penalty factor on retirees choosing a 50 percent survivor benefit plan was removed. The penalty factor on the 100 percent survivor benefit option was cut from approximately 13 percent in approximately 7 percent.

"When you retire, you have two options," Tiede said. "Now it is easier for the retiree and their spouse to receive more of the benefit."

The 65 percent cap on inflation adjustments in benefit collection was also removed.

The new law will provide cost-of-living allowances based on 80 percent of the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year.

There is a maximum of 5 percent in increase per year.

"Those two changes were the biggest things as far as Missouri Southern goes," Tiede said. "Both of these changes cost big money. It is going to raise the amount institutions are required to contribute to MOSERS (Missouri State Employees' Retirement System). Because of this we have asked for \$496,361 in our annual budget request."

Tiede said while the changes in the plan were effective this year, the increase in institutional contributions will not go into effect until the next fiscal year.

He said right now the College is simply waiting to see if the governor and legislature will approve its budget request in the upcoming session.

"Three or four years ago this happened, and they added

the amount to the appropriation then," Tiede said. "That kind of precedent makes me optimistic, but we won't know anything until April or May."

According to Tiede, the increase is equivalent to almost a 3 percent raise across the payroll.

"We are hoping we won't have to take the MOSERS increase out of our budget," said Dr. Terri Agee, director of human resources.

Now it is easier for the retiree and their spouse to receive more of the benefit.

John Tiede
Senior vice president

VOLLEYBALL



Freshman standout Stephanie Burger (4) jumps high for a kill over two Pittsburg players in Wednesday night's home loss. Burger is one of several young players making a big impact for the Lady Lions this season. The squad will play again tonight against Northwest Missouri State.

Southern suffers seventh loss

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

After a 2-0 start to their season, the Missouri Southern volleyball team continued its losing streak with losses to Central Missouri State and Pittsburg State.

The Lady Lions (4-7 overall, 2-4 MIAA) traveled to Warrensburg Saturday to face a hot CMSU team. The Jennies backed up their No. 5 national ranking with a decisive 15-5, 15-5, 15-2 victory.

"We struggled hitting the ball," said coach Debbie Traywick. "We passed the ball well, but we just couldn't score any points."

Stephanie Gockley and Meredith Hyde had eight and seven kills, respectively. Amber

Collins added 20 assists.

The Lady Lions returned home Wednesday night to face Pittsburg State University. In the first game, the Lady Lions battled back from a 14-3 deficit for a 14-all tie. The two teams exchanged points, but in the end PSU came out on top 19-17. PSU sealed the match by winning games two and three 15-12.

"I think it was a battle of two young teams," Traywick said, "and they won the battle."

Collins had 43 assists and three blocks for the Lady Lions.

Gockley paced the team with 13 kills, 23 digs, and six blocks. Hyde had 14 kills and 14 digs, and Kristen Harris added 12 digs and five blocks.

"Pittsburg State played hard and aggressive,"

Traywick said. "Stephanie Gockley had a great match for us. We have to start playing before it is 14-3, as it was in the first game."

After losing to Washburn and Truman State last week, the Lady Lions fell out of the regional poll.

"Some of our opponents in the next couple of weeks are ranked regionally," Traywick said. "With a couple of victories, we could be right back in the polls."

The Lady Lions have a busy weekend ahead as they travel to Northwest Missouri State tonight and then to Missouri Western tomorrow.

"Northwest Missouri is struggling right now, and Missouri Western is having a very good year," Traywick said. "If we play consistently, we should have a good weekend." □

Scoreboard

Where to Catch the Lions and Lady Lions:

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Missouri Southern Sports Network...107.1 FM (Joplin)

Southern Sports Sunday... noon,
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Football

MIAA Standings

Through September 30 (Conf, overall)

1. Northwest Missouri	2-0, 4-0
2. Pittsburg State	2-0, 3-0
3. Washburn	2-0, 3-1
4. Truman State	2-0, 2-1
5. Emporia State	1-1, 3-1
6. Central Missouri	1-1, 2-2
7. Missouri Western	0-2, 2-2
8. Missouri Southern	0-2, 1-2
9. Missouri-Rolla	0-2, 1-3
10. Southwest Baptist	0-2, 0-3



vs. Pittsburg State

Lions 14 0 0 7 7-14
Gorillas 42 0 13 22 7-42

Scoring:

1st
Gorillas—Johnson 24 run (Barcus kick) 14:05
Gorillas—Barcus 32 field goal, 10:01
Gorillas—Barcus 24 field goal, 00:45
End of 2nd—13-0
3rd
Gorillas—Johnson 57 run (Barcus kick) 12:03
Lions—Cornelsen 13 run (C. Lewis kick) 8:47
Gorillas—Johnson 4 run (Ross pass) 8:00
Gorillas—Johnson 75 run (Barcus kick) 02:28

Lions Week 2

End of 3rd—35-7
4th
Gorillas—Johnson 41 run (Barcus kick) 14:05
Lions—Clay 11 run (C. Lewis kick) 9:00
Final score—42-14



Southern Statistics

Passing
Cornelsen, Brad, 14-30-1, 140 yds.

Rushing
Cornelsen, Brad 21-121, Clay, Wallace 9-34, Minor, Thomas 1-15, Colenburg, Tony 4-9, Whitehead, Mac 2-7, Totals: 39-189.

Volleyball

MIAA Standings

Through September 30 (Conf, overall)

1. Central Missouri	5-0, 14-2
2. Washburn	4-1, 11-6
3. Truman State	4-2, 11-9
4. Emporia State	3-2, 6-8
5. Missouri Western	2-3, 8-5
6. Missouri Southern	2-3, 4-6
7. Pittsburg State	2-3, 5-10
8. Northwest Missouri	1-4, 8-8
9. Southwest Baptist	0-5, 5-15

Soccer

MIAA Standings

Through September 30 (conf, overall)

1. Missouri-Rolla	1-0, 5-4
2. Missouri Southern	1-1, 3-3
3. Truman State	0-0, 7-3
4. Southwest Baptist	0-0, 1-9
5. Lincoln	0-1, 1-7

Southern Shootout—
Lions vs. Southern Nazarene, 4:30 p.m., Friday
Lions vs. Baker (Ken.), 1 p.m., Sunday

Lions vs. Mules

Broadcast live on KGCS-LP, Cable channel 7

7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9



This week

Friday

■ Volleyball Lions at Northwest Missouri State, 7 p.m.

■ Soccer vs. Southern Nazarene, 4 p.m.

Saturday

■ Soccer at Baker vs. Southern Nazarene, 1 p.m.

■ Volleyball at Missouri Western State College, 11 a.m.

■ Football Lions at Missouri Western State College, 7 p.m.

■ Cross Country at Northwest Missouri State Invitational

Sunday

■ Soccer Lions vs. Baker University

Thursday

■ Football Lions at Central Missouri State University 7 p.m.

Friday

■ Volleyball Lady Lions at Texas Women's University tournament

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A CLOSER LOOK

Friday, October 3, 1997

New project spotlights individuals

So, now it begins. For the first several weeks of the semester, I have been combing the campus in anticipation of this issue of *The Chart*, as it was my responsibility to choose which five Missouri Southern freshmen



Ginny Dumond
Associate Editor

would be the roster as our sample class of 2001.

Commitment to this project is not an easy thing for anyone to promise. One minute

you're just the average student, and the next you've promised to tell your thoughts and feelings to the entire campus on a monthly basis. I must admit, I'd have been hesitant, and these five individuals are not the first five I asked.

As an editor on the College newspaper staff, I realize that news tends to be whatever the administrators, faculty, and student organizations are doing at a given time.

Now, however, we have an opportunity as a campus and a community, to take a good look at the college careers of a cross-section of students experiencing life on the Missouri Southern campus.

I know I said cross-section, and I can already hear the office phone ringing and the letters to the editor coming in huge bundles asking "Why didn't she pick from my group of friends?" or "Someone from my interest group is not represented in your selection."

I did my best to make a random choice of people I thought weren't too much alike. There could never be a choice pleasing to everyone.

That said, I am looking forward to watching what our group will experience over the next four years.

Think about how much could happen in that time.

Some may get married, get jobs, transfer, have children, or leave college; the possibilities are endless.

Now, readers can know more about the real issues facing students, be it financial aid, peer pressure, residence hall life, family life, health, advisers, classes, parking, food, accessibility, or College officials.

These students represent a distinctly different voice at the College.

Times are rapidly changing, and as we all prepare to enter our own rat races we have to adapt to meet our challenges.

These five freshmen have just begun to see what those individual challenges will be — and what they will do, where they will go from here, and how they will meet those challenges remains to be written on their clean slates at Missouri Southern.

The world expects a great deal from college graduates today, and as I look around in class it startles me to realize that we are the workforce of the not-too-distant future.

What better class to look at than the class of 2001?

Very few opportunities such as this one come along.

We have a chance to look at students who potentially will make up the first graduating class of the new millennium. The class of 2001 project will wrap up in May 2001. Who knows where we will be by then? □

“It's like you get to start over again.”

First semester: The journey begins

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

They appear to have nothing in common. The computer buff, the sorority member, the baseball player, the mother of three, and the commuter — what could be the connection? Well, if left with these stereotypes a link may never be found, but, in digging deeper, one will find that these five freshmen share many of the same concerns, fears, and goals.

Damion Belk, Amanda Pulce, Wade Early, Nan Starkweather, and Tiffany Hilton are all looking for their place in the Missouri Southern community. This is the campus they have chosen, for one reason or another, to begin their college experience.

Wade Early is an honors student from Laquey (Mo.) High School, a pitcher for the Lion baseball squad, and a sociology major, but has already begun to question his desire to become a lawyer.

“They tell me I'm gonna find out what I don't want to be before I find out what I do want to be,” Early said. “So far I've decided I don't want to be anything I have classes in now.”

“My parents always said I would come to college to major in baseball and minor in girls,” he said.

So what does Early really want?

“I think I'd like to go out to one of those remote islands and just take people scuba diving,” he said with a laugh. “That sounds fun, doesn't it? What kind of major do I need for that?”

Amanda Pulce, a 1997 Joplin High School graduate, is a biology major, med-school hopeful, and member of the Missouri Southern Color Guard. She is also rushing the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Pulce, who grew up with four sisters and a brother, is now living on campus.

“It's like you get to start over again. In high school everybody knew everything and everyone,” she said.

Pulce, a dietary aid at Spring River Christian Village, says there is one major problem to residential life.

“I never get any sleep living in these dorms,” she said. “There's always something going on here. My roommate and I get along real well, so we stay up and talk a lot.”

Commuting 75 minutes from Crane, Mo., brings Tiffany Hilton, an undecided major from Billings High School, to Southern two days a week. Hilton, who graduated with a class of 40 students, says college has always been a goal for her.

“I've really never thought about not going. I just always kind of thought I would,” she said.

Hilton's Tuesday-

class of 2001

Five freshmen, a cross-section of the Missouri Southern student body, share their concerns, fears, and dreams as they move toward graduation in May 2001.

Thursday schedule fits nicely around her work schedule at the Outback Steakhouse in Springfield, but leaves little room for getting involved on campus.

“I'm taking 13 hours and I'm at school from 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. on the days I'm here, but living on campus it's hard to get involved,” she said.

Nan Starkweather, at 31, is beginning again with perhaps double the responsibilities of the average student. Some may argue that her three boys equal triple the responsibility.

Starkweather graduated from the former Parkwood High School in Joplin and got married directly afterward. She now has a different perspective on getting married so young.

“I got married in November of '84 and divorced in December of '96. It was stupid,” she said of her marriage at the age of 18.

One thing Starkweather doesn't regret is having her sons Jordan, 9, Graham, 6, and Bennett, 3, all living with her during the week.

She gets up at 5:30 a.m. to have her children at school and day care by 7:30, then has class beginning at 8.

“I try to do my homework between classes because I can't do it at home,”

Starkweather said. “After dinner there is always a school thing or football practice, then showers and bed time.”

She normally goes to sleep at the same time as the children, 8:30 p.m.

“I feel like I'm just starting out, but I've got the responsibilities of a 30-year-old. This is like a crossroads for me; I just have to keep on pluggin',” she said.

Damion Belk graduated from Webb City High School in 1997, and though his primary interest lies in “anything having to do with computers,” he also has a strong interest in writing.

“One of my hobbies is writing fantasy fiction stories, and I won the short story contest at Webb City High School last year,” he said.

Aside from writing fantasy stories, Belk hopes to incorporate some of his stories into computer games some day.

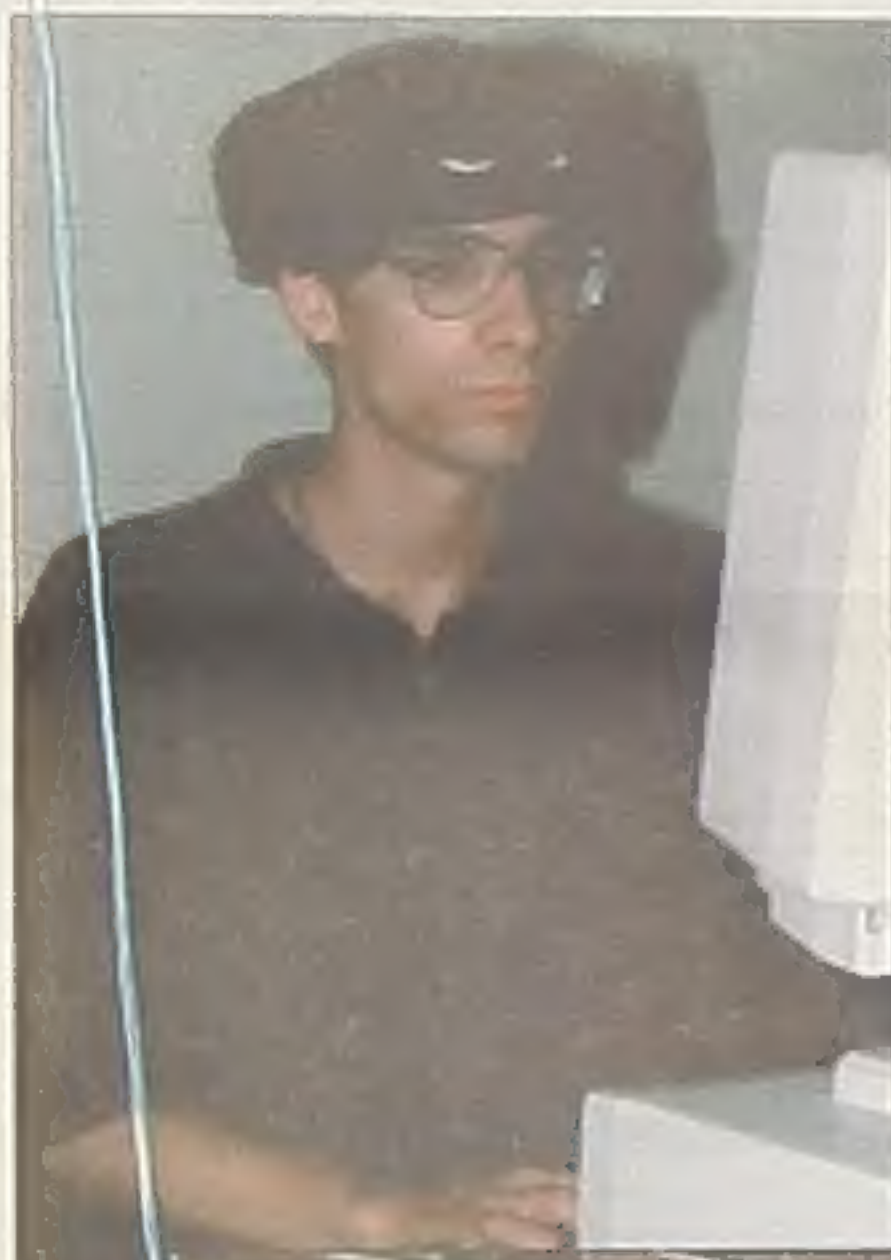
“After Southern, there's a school in Canada that specializes in video game programming and role playing games I'd like to go to,” he said.

Belk says he began playing these role-playing games during his freshman year of high school and writing stories his sophomore year.

Finding a place at the College with new friends and organizations they can get excited about is a common concern with all five.

“I'd like to make some more friends, but in most of my classes there isn't anybody I know,” Belk said. Early added, “I just want to meet some cool people.”

Though their journey began Aug. 25, these five freshmen still have many more bridges to cross as they draw closer to May 2001. □



Photos by
Teresa Bland

Class of 2001 participants are, from left to right: dental hygiene major Nan Starkweather, undecided major Damion Belk, Biology major Amanda Pulce, sociology major Wade Early, and undecided major Tiffany Hilton.